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REMARKS

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1. On 21 February 1954, a railroad shipment of an undetermined number of flatcars with 19 x 37-mm AA guns, 1 field kitchen and 42 trucks 15 boxcars with troops and 10 boxcars with ammunition and equipment passed through Satzborn railroad station, coming from Justerbog and proceeding toward Eberswalde.¹

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2. The following columns returned to the Flak Kaserne (5641) in Wismar on 17 February: 16 trucks each occupied with 14 to 16 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and towing 57-mm AT guns, 4 trucks each occupied by 14 to 16 soldiers and a 82-mm mortar, 5 trucks each towing a field kitchen, 2 ambulances and 2 radio trucks; about 74 trucks each occupied by 14 to 16 soldiers, 4 SU-76s, 4 jeeps, each mounting a machine gun, 4 sedans with officers and several trucks loaded with ammunition, fuel and beams. These columns had left at noon on 15 February, presumably toward Schwerin.²

3. On 6 February, a train headed toward Zuessow stood in Buddenhagen. It consisted of 9 converted boxcars with about 200 soldiers and 6 flatcars with 2 field kitchens and 4 three-axle trucks. A train of 4 boxcars and 15 flatcars passed through Semtens railroad station toward Bergen on Fuegen Island on 8 February. Fourteen of the cars were loaded with round timber and one carried a field kitchen. On 9 February, a train consisting of 5 boxcars and 14 flatcars loaded with 5-meter squared lumber arrived in Stralsund from the direction of Rostock. On the same day, a train of 8 boxcars and 6 flatcars loaded with 10 field guns of 76.2-mm, 1 field kitchen and troops was seen on the Wiltzow-Greifswald line, heading toward Greifswald. On 10 February, a train of 4 converted boxcars with 40 soldiers, 6 flatcars with cable reels and 2 flatcars loaded with railroad wheel axles with wheels stopped in Velgast, headed toward Rostock.³

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4. On the morning of 19 February, 6 heavy mortars, presumably of 160-mm caliber, were emplaced in firing position just east of the Ludwigslust-Schwerin road, between the localities of Drenkroegen and Fahrbinde. About 15 trucks stood nearby. Soviet individual sentries guarded the emplacement and the road as far as Drenkroegen. Six AT guns, probably of 85-mm, and 20 trucks were seen at this place the following day.⁴

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5. In the afternoon on 24 February, a railroad shipment passed through Jüstowitz railroad station from the direction of Brandenburg and proceeded toward Genthin. The train carried 6 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, 38 trucks, [redacted] on [redacted] flatcars and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia on 12 to 15 boxcars.⁵ 25X1
6. From 9 to 12 February, night practices and other exercises of Soviet units at battalion strength were [redacted] conducted in the area of Bastow, predominantly in Bastow Forest, east of the Schwerin-Ludwigslust line and Luchtenberg and east of Bastow railroad station. Eight T-34 tanks, 6 x 100-mm AT guns and 6 x 122-mm field howitzers were counted. The units also involved 2 RVP companies from Sternbuschholz, with the personnel wearing dark-red epaulets.⁴ 25X1
7. In the afternoon on 17 February, a column loaded with ammunition boxes and carrying about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was parked in front of the Hindenburg Kaserne in Schwerin. [redacted] On 27 February, T-34 tanks [redacted] SP gun [redacted] and about 18 soldiers came from the direction of Ludwigsluster Strasse and went toward the freight station.⁶ 25X1
8. At the beginning of February 1954, [redacted] a total of 28,000 cubic meters of sawn timber was scheduled to be delivered to the Red Army in 1955. 25X1

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